

Application Serial No. 09/936,916
Amendment dated December 22, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the objection to the specification, a new abstract is submitted herewith.

All of the claims have been amended to overcome the formal objections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

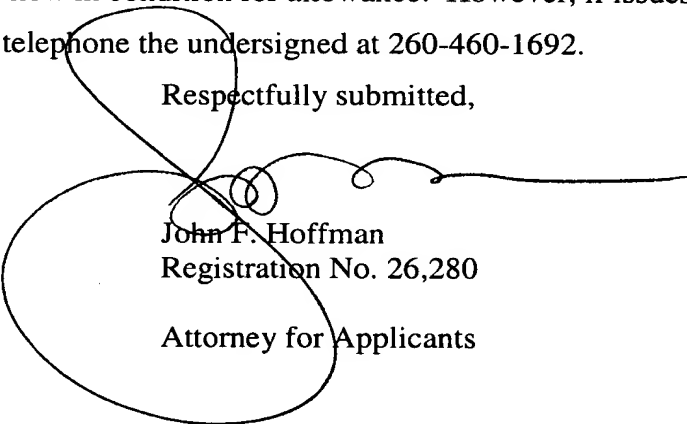
The subject matter of allowable Claim 2 has been incorporated into Claim 1 thereby causing amended Claim 1 to distinguish over the prior art.

Allowable Claims 9-14 are resubmitted herewith as a new independent set of Claims 38-43.

In order to overcome the double patenting rejection, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith.

With the amendments to the claims and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, if issues remain, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692.

Respectfully submitted,


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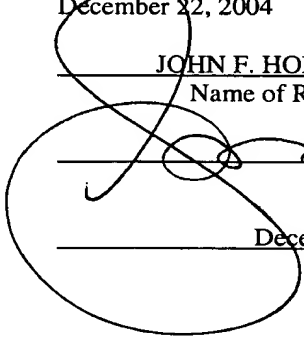
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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached set of drawings includes all text translated into English. It is requested that the set of drawings submitted herewith be substituted for the drawings as originally filed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes



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Fig.1

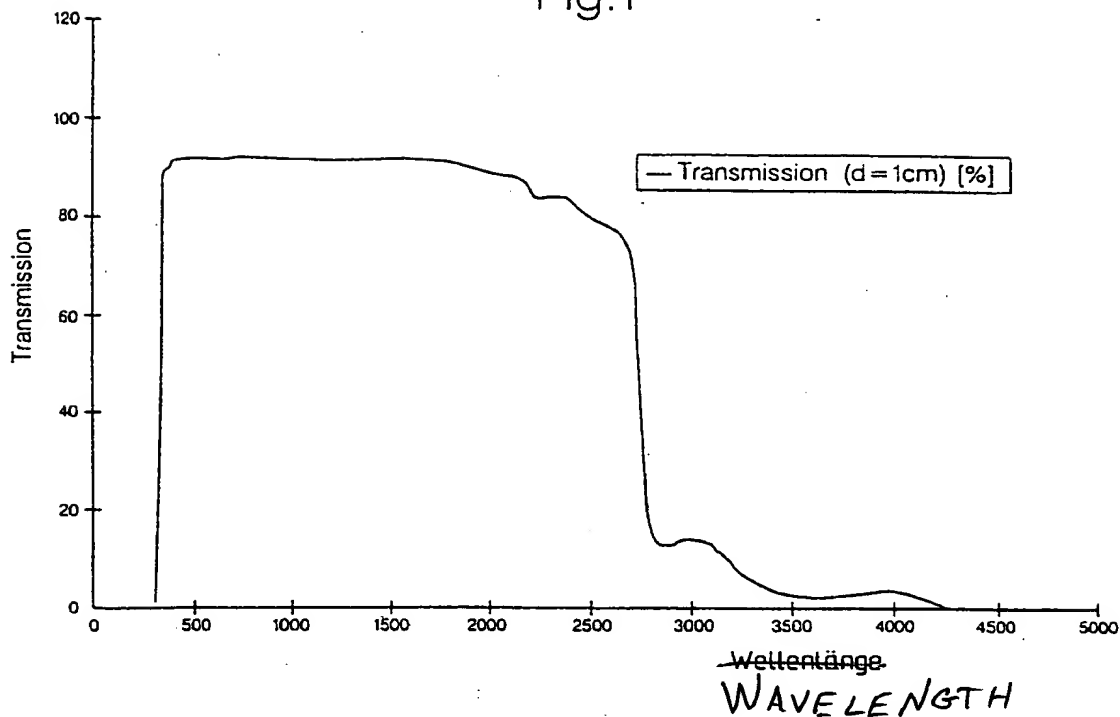
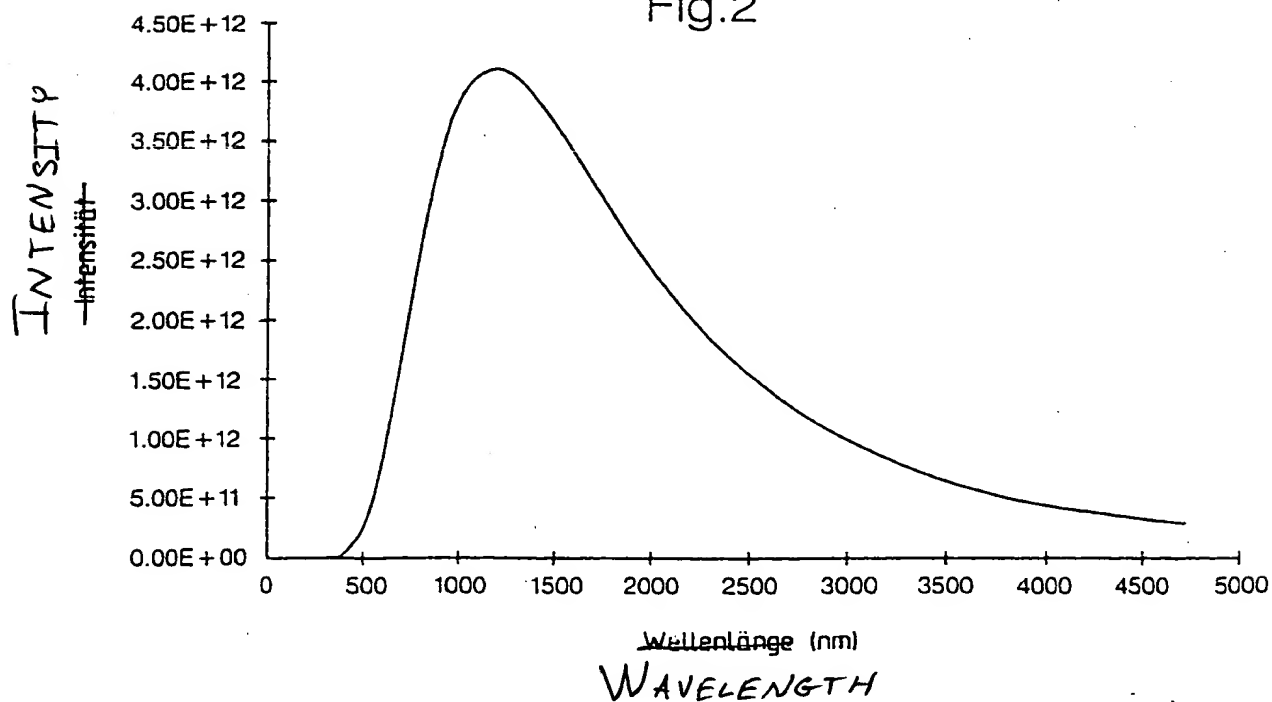


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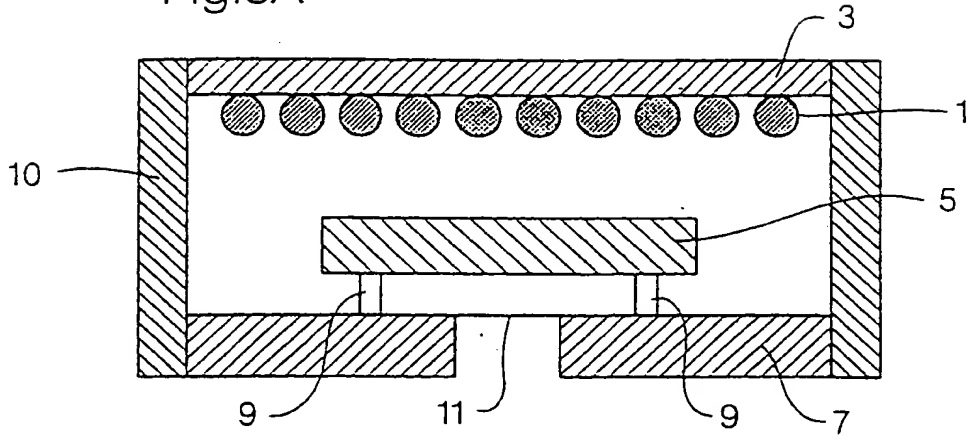


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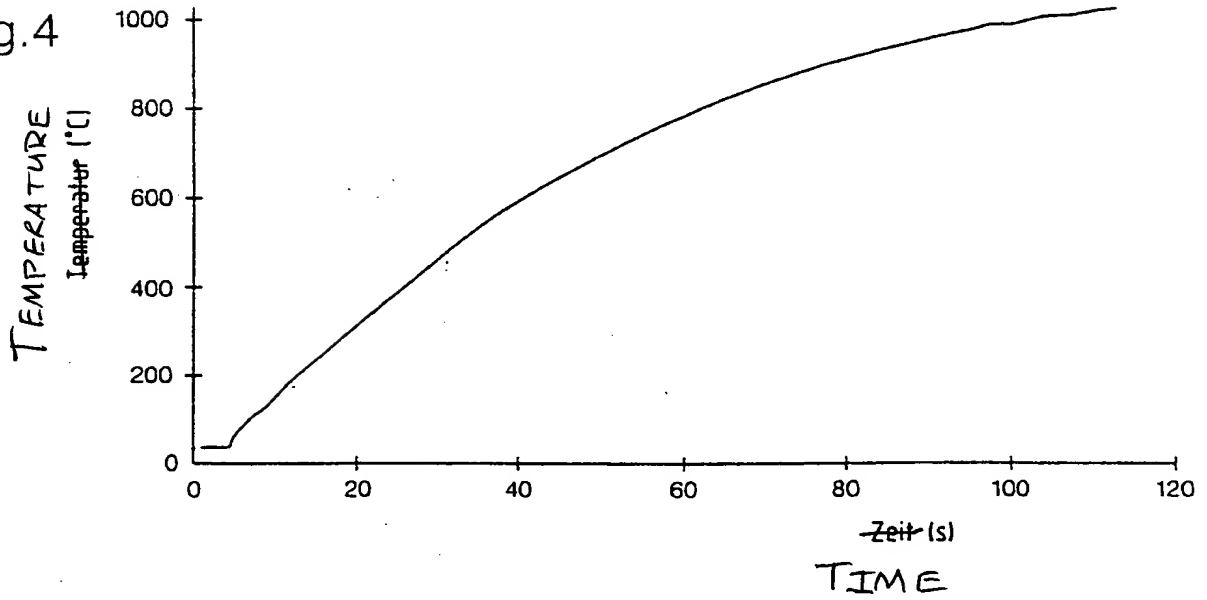
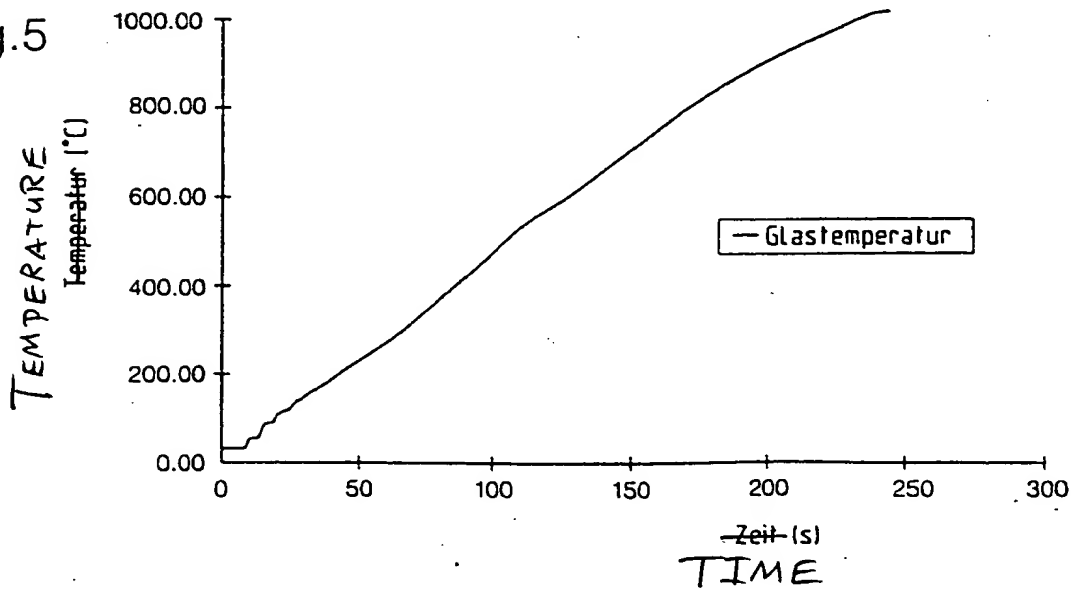


Fig.5





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Fig.3B

